



OSSE LEA LOOK-FORWARD: January 3, 2013—January 17, 2013

Key Events, Announcements, Updates and Deadlines

Division of Wellness and Nutrition

US Department of Education Teaching Ambassador Fellowships

[Know An Outstanding Environmental or Other Innovative Educator\(s\)?](#)

The applications for 2013-2014 ED Washington and Classroom Teaching Ambassador Fellowships are now available and will close on January 29, 2013. Teaching Ambassador Fellows are outstanding teachers with a record of leadership, strong communication skills, and insights into educational policy based in classroom expertise. All Teaching Ambassador Fellows spend a year learning about key federal programs and policies, sharing their expertise with federal staff, and providing outreach and communication about federal initiatives to other educators. For more information, please contact Dr. Dawanna James-Holly, Nutrition Program Manager at 202-741-5307 or [Click Here](#).

Division of Specialized Education

Inclusive Schools Capstone Event – A Citywide Conference

On February 4, 2013, the District of Columbia will host the Inclusive Schools Capstone Event, a one-day conference aimed at empowering DC's Education Community with tools to create inclusive classrooms.

The conference will feature nationally-acclaimed keynote speakers including Daniel Habib, Director of "Including Samuel" and "Who Cares About Kelsey?" as well as dynamic workshops detailing best practices on including students challenged by disability, gender, poverty, cultural heritage, and language. The Conference's Exhibit Hall will feature local and national inclusion resources and feature companies including Promethean who will demonstrate the "Classroom of the Future."

The Inclusive Schools Capstone is FREE and open to the public. Principals, administrators, LEA leaders, teachers and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. PLU Credits will be awarded to relevant professionals.

Participants must register at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/fcgxxd/4W>. Should you wish to learn more about the District's Inclusive Capstone planning, please visit <http://osse.dc.gov/ISW>. For more information, you may reach a member of the planning committee by email at osse.inclusiveschoolsweekdc@dc.gov or call the OSSE liaison Ms. Desirée Brown, Special Assistant, Community and Parent Relations by phone at 202-741-0271.



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Annual Parent Survey Deadline Extended! – Assistant Superintendent Announcement

OSSE is pleased to announce that the timeline for completing the annual Parent Survey has been extended to January 11, 2013. The survey is available electronically and should be completed by parents of children who received special education and related services during the 2011 - 2012 School Year.

OSSE is requesting the assistance of local education agencies to disseminate the survey. Along with parent letters and postcards, hard copies of the survey have been forwarded to your LEA to assist families with its completion. Please forward one survey to each student within your LEA to which this applies. Parent responses are confidential and will guide DSE efforts to improve services and results for children and families.

Additional information regarding the survey timeline and guidance are available on OSSE's website. You may view the information by selecting the following link: OSSE Annual Parent Survey or by visiting <http://osse.dc.gov/service/annual-specialized-education-parent-survey>.

OSSE's point of contact for the survey is Ms. Desirée Brown, Special Assistant Community and Parent Relations. Ms. Brown can be reached by email at osse.spedparentsurvey@dc.gov or by phone at 202-741-0271.

Elementary & Secondary Education

Webinar: Overview of Analysis of Assessments Piloted for use in Educator Evaluation

January 15, 4:00-5:00 PM

Staff from Urban Policy Development will report on their guiding framework for selecting student assessments for use in teacher evaluations. To participate in the webinar, please register at the following location: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/189543550>. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Chait at (202) 481-3783 or robin.chait@dc.gov.

Reminder for RTTT LEAs: 2012-13 Roster Confirmation Final Data Collection

On December 20, 2012, each Race to the Top (RTT) LEA data manager received a final data request via email. LEAs are asked to supply class roster information and indicate whether grades 3, 9 and/or 10 will participate in the value-added model and roster confirmation. Additionally at this time, LEAs are asked to make needed revisions to school, employee, and student information. This information is due no later than January 21, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Chait at (202) 481-3783 or robin.chait@dc.gov.



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U.S. Department of Education Race to the Top Webinar: Review Rubric for Common Core Lessons

January 17, 3:30-4:30 PM

The topic of the webinar is the Tri-State Quality Review Rubric developed by New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts to evaluate the quality of lessons and units intended to address the Common Core State Standards. RSVP by sending an e-mail to info@reformsupportnetwork.org, including the name, title/position and e-mail address of the team members who will participate in this webinar for your state. The log-in/call-in information for the webinar is as follows:

Join the Meeting <https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/vcmeeting/join?id=NNM5QS&role=attend&pw=zq%2B6fMf>

Once you are in the system you will have to choose one of the following options for audio:

In the Voice & Video pane under Join Audio options, click "Call Me." The conferencing service will call you at the number you specify. (Recommended)

or -

Use the information below to connect to the audio:

Toll-free: +1 (877) 423-6338

Toll: +1 (571) 281-2578

Participant code: 828882

DC CAS 2012-2013 Kick-Off Webinar

January 17, 10:30-11:30 AM

Join us for a webinar kicking off the 2012-2013 DC CAS. During this webinar, we will share updates on the 2013 DC CAS and prepare you for a successful administration of this year's assessment. Please note: this is a repeat of the webinars given on 12/3/12 and 12/6/12. To participate in the webinar, please register at the following location: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/433056570>. Please contact Heidi Beeman, heidi.beeman@dc.gov with any questions.

Human Capital Task Force Re-Launch

As many of you know, OSSE has managed a Human Capital Task Force for the last couple of years to advise on Race to the Top activities. Now that OSSE has received approval of its ESEA Flexibility Request and all LEAs are responsible for implementing teacher and leader evaluation systems, we are re-launching the Human Capital Task Force to include non-Race to the Top LEAs and a modified scope of activities. The Human Capital Task Force will provide a forum for sharing information and best practices about teacher and leader recruitment, hiring, evaluation, and professional development. The Task Force will also provide input on the following activities: the Teacher Preparation Scorecard, technical assistance for LEAs on designing and implementing teacher and leader evaluation systems, and other related activities. The group will not vote, but will provide advice to OSSE. We are seeking representatives from Local Education Agencies, higher education institutions and alternative routes to teacher preparation who will commit to attending quarterly meetings. Interested parties should contact Robin Chait at robin.chait@dc.gov or Erika Lomax at Erika.lomax@dc.gov.



Office of Grants Management & Compliance

UPCOMING WEBINARS: Grants Management and Compliance Training

The Office of Grants Management and Compliance will hold three webinars for LEAs that will provide technical assistance in meeting federal compliance requirements and guidelines.

Time and Effort Compliance Requirements

January 23, 11:00AM – 12:00Noon

The federal law requires all employees, including teachers, paraprofessionals, and other staff paid with federal funds to document the time and effort they spend within that program.

This training will provide LEA staff with guidance on how to track and report time and effort records. The webinar registration link is: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/370446482>

If you have questions please contact: unique.morris@dc.gov

Understanding FFATA (Federal Finance Accountability and Transparency Act) Compliance Requirements

February 14, 11:00AM – 12:00 Noon

This training is designed to provide technical assistance for sub-recipient grantees to meet state and federal compliance standards. The webinar registration link is:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/688476530>. If you have questions please contact: unique.morris@dc.gov

A-133 Audit Compliance Requirements

February 20, 2:00-3:00PM

OMB Circular A-133 requires annual audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations who receive federal funding exceeding \$500,000. This training is for any sub-recipient of OSSE that receives federal funding at or in excess of \$500,000. The training is designed to provide guidance and advice on what to expect and how to prepare for the A-133 audit. The webinar registration link is: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/162490090>

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